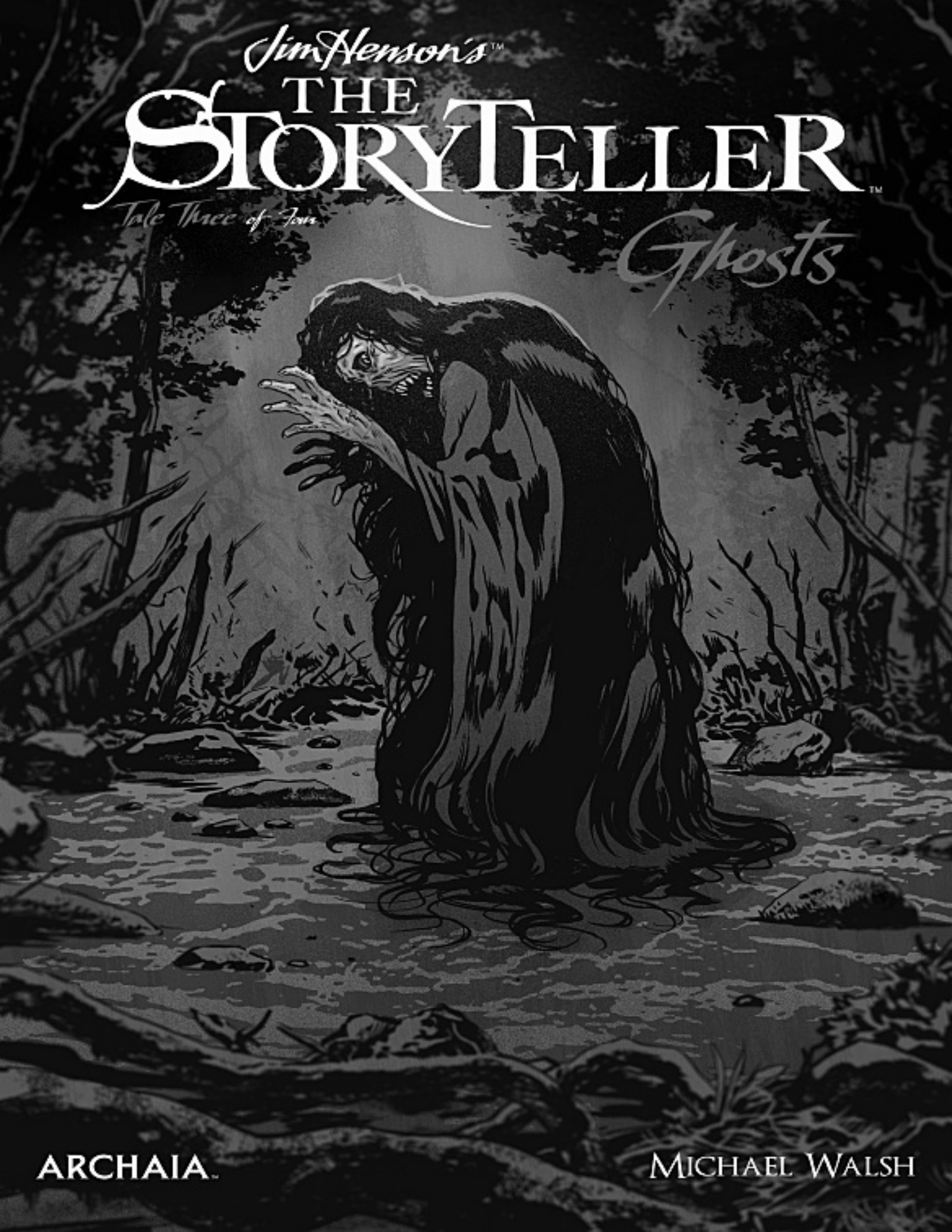
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WWWHOOOOOO
RWOF!
A GHOST?!
WWHOOOOOSSS
OR IT COULD BE A SPIRIT... MAYBE A FAIRY. OR, WHAT ABOUT A...
Hm.
AH, JUST THE SONG OF THE WIND. THOUGH IT DOES REMIND ME OF A STORY.
SLUMP
SHUFF
HERE WE GO AGAIN...

IT ALL BEGINS WITH A LULLABY.
O Sleep, my child, you are sharing...
...With the sun in rest repairing...
...while the moon her silver chair in, watches with your mother.
MA SANG IT WAY BETTER.
I KNOW, SON...BUT YOUR MOTHER IS IN A BETTER PLACE NOW.

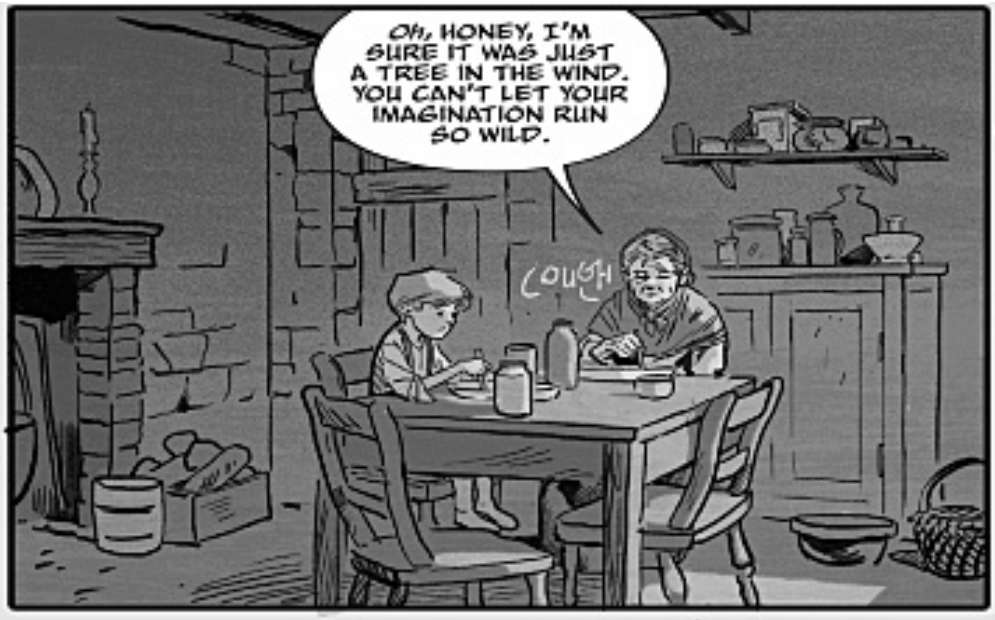
DO YOU REALLY HAVE TO GO? I'M SCARED WHEN YOU'RE AWAY.
THE MINING SEASON IS ABOUT TO START. I'LL ONLY BE GONE A FEW WEEKS.
THERE'S NOTHING TO BE AFRAID OF.
NOW, LISTEN TO YOUR GRAN WHILE I'M GONE.
I LOVE YOU SO MUCH.

I LOVE YOU, TOO.

AS THE WEEKS PASSED, BRENDAN BECAME RESTLESS. IGNORING THE WISHES OF HIS GRAN, HE BEGAN TO EXPLORE THE WOODS...
RATTLE
TWITCH
WOOOO

WHYOOOOOOO
Death, oh, DEATH.
Why? NooOOooo.

I SWEAR I SAW THE BEAN SIDHE! SOMETHING TERRIBLE IS GOING TO HAPPEN TO FATHER, JUST LIKE WITH MA.


OH, HONEY, I'M SURE IT WAS JUST A TREE IN THE WIND. YOU CAN'T LET YOUR IMAGINATION RUN SO WILD.
COUGH

AND YOUR MOTHER... SHE WAS SO VERY SICK, BRENDAN. SHE IS AT PEACE NOW.

NO! SHE LEFT ME! AND NOW FATHER IS GONE, TOO!

BRENDAN, LIFE IS...A FRAGILE THING.
AS YOU GET OLDER, YOU'LL FIND THAT PEOPLE WILL COME AND GO.

SOMETIMES, YOU'LL BE ALONE, AND THAT IS OKAY.

I DON'T WANT TO BE ALONE.
THE WORLD IS A SCARY PLACE.
YOU ARE GOING TO HAVE TO BE BRAVE, STAND UP, AND FACE IT.

I MISS MY MA.
ME, TOO, BRENDAN... ME, TOO.

COUGH
HACK
COUGH

O sleep, my child, you are sharing...
...With the sun in rest repairing...
...while the moon her silver chair in...
...watches with your mother...
MA?

ohh, no no
noOOOOooo..
ohhH
OOOoo
=sob=

NoooOOooo, WHyYYYY?!

Death... Oh, DEATH!
IN THAT MOMENT, BRENDAN HEARD AGAIN THE WORDS OF HIS GRANDMOTHER: BE BRAVE, STAND UP, AND FACE IT.

I WON'T LET YOU TAKE MY FATHER!
BRENDAN BELIEVED THAT THIS DEATHLY APPARITION COULD BE REASONED WITH.
THAT A BARGAIN COULD BE STRUCK.
PULL
CREEEKKK

What do you desire, child?

THE BEAN SIDHE WAS A PECULIAR TYPE OF GHOST.
NOT ONLY DID IT PORTEND THE DEATH OF A FAMILY MEMBER...
I... I...
HURRY, CHILLD.
...BUT IT WOULD ALSO GRANT A WISH TO ANY SOUL BRAVE ENOUGH TO FACE IT.
I WANT FATHER TO COME HOME!
It will be done...

...TO TELL YOU THIS.
DAD?!
I'M SO SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS.
Oh GOD, MY SON.
CLIK

I SAW THE BEAN SI--
WHAM
ENOUGH STORIES, BRENDAN!
THAT MAN... HE...¿SOBÉ HAD NEWS OF YOUR FATHER.
A WEEK AGO, THE MINE COLLAPSED, AND EVERYONE INSIDE ¿COUGHÉ...Oh LORD, THEY CAN'T EVEN GET TO HIS BODY.

...O sleep, my child, you are sharing...

...With the sun in rest repairing...

...while the moon her silver chair in...
CREEEK

...watches with your mother.

Brendan, is that you?

CRNCH
CRNCH
CRNCH

Oh, Brendan, it's so dark.

Oh NO...

Brendan...
I was just with your mother...it was warm and light, and now it's so... cold...
IT'S OKAY, FATHER, IT'S OKAY.
GO BACK. BE WITH MA.

I LOVE YOU, DAD.

TAK
TAK
TAK
TAK
TAK
BRENDAN, I KNOW THIS IS HARD. BUT YOU ARE GOING TO GET THROUGH THIS. YOUR FATHER... HE'S WITH YOUR MA NOW.
AND I *thought* WON'T BE HERE FOREVER.
YOU ARE SO BRAVE, AND SO BRIGHT. I KNOW YOU ARE GOING TO HAVE A BEAUTIFUL LIFE.
I LOVE YOU, BRENDAN.
WWWHOOOOO

HIS FATHER AND GRANDMOTHER... POOR BOY. WHAT HAPPENED TO HIM?
BRENDAN USED THE LOVE OF HIS FAMILY TO NOURISH AND GUIDE HIM THROUGHOUT A LONG AND HAPPY LIFE. HE HAD A LITTLE BOY OF HIS OWN, AND SANG TO HIM THAT VERY SAME LULLABY.
AND WHENEVER BRENDAN HEARD A GHOSTLY WAILING IN THE WIND...
Yawn
...HE'D PULL HIS COVERS EXTRA TIGHT AND GO BACK TO THE WARMTH OF HIS DREAMS.
THE END.

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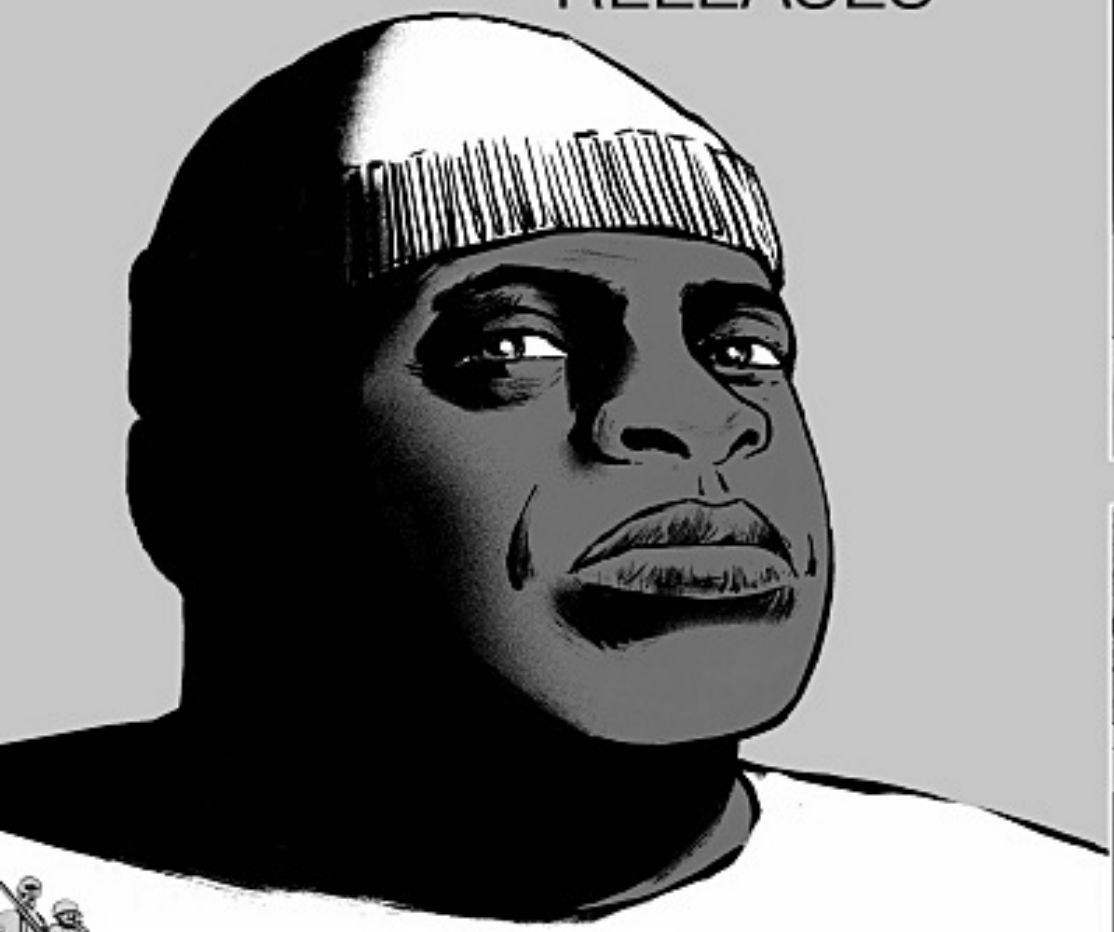

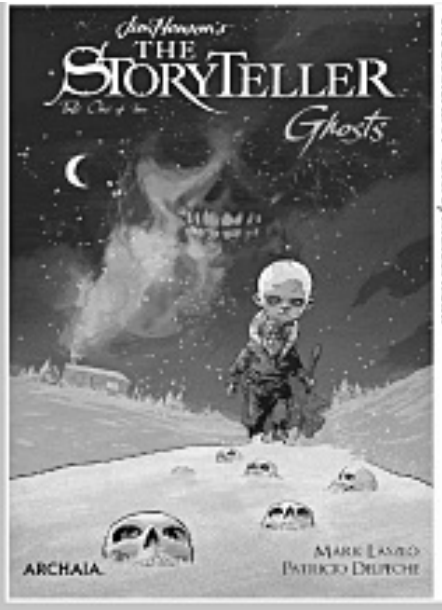

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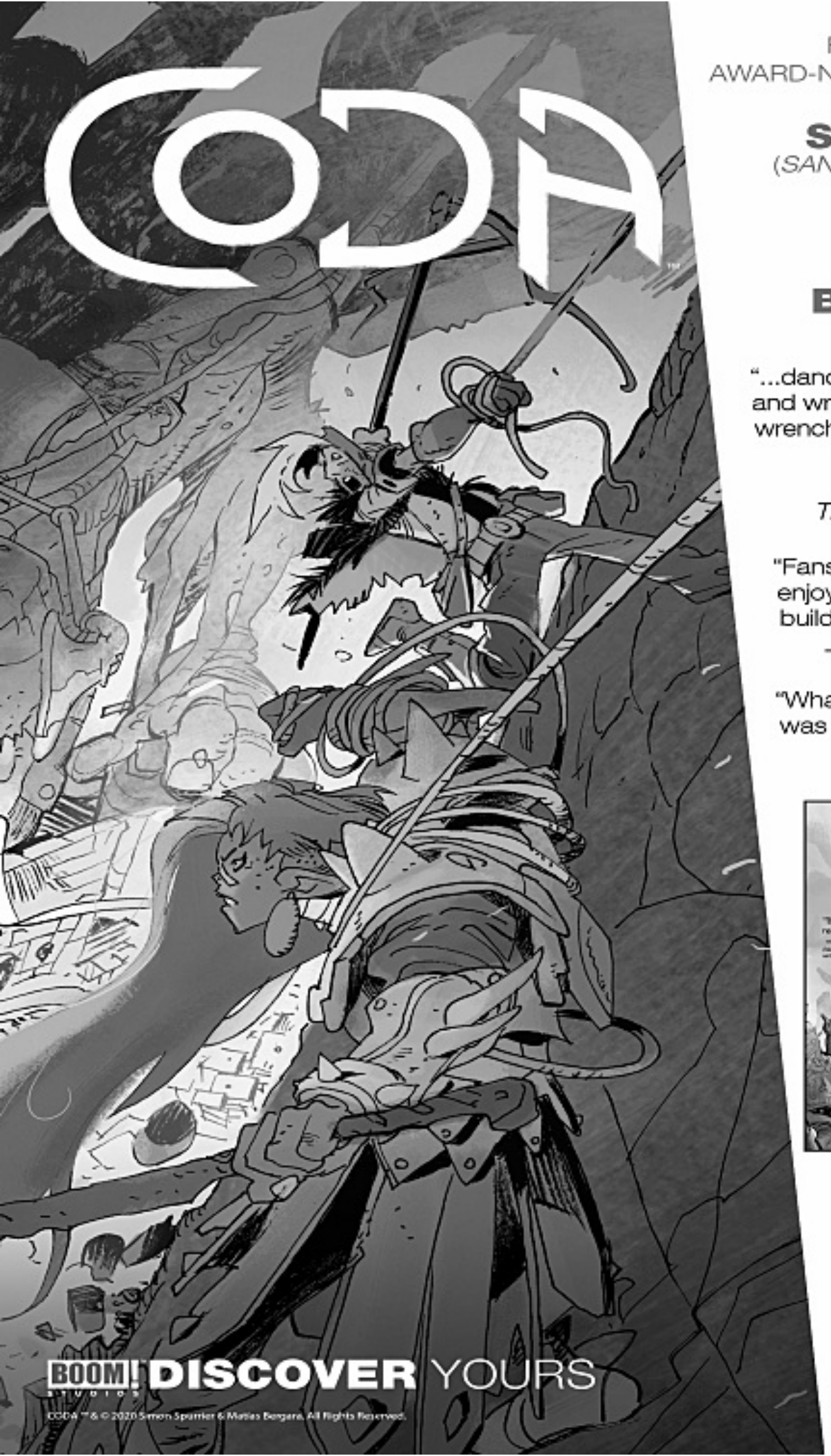

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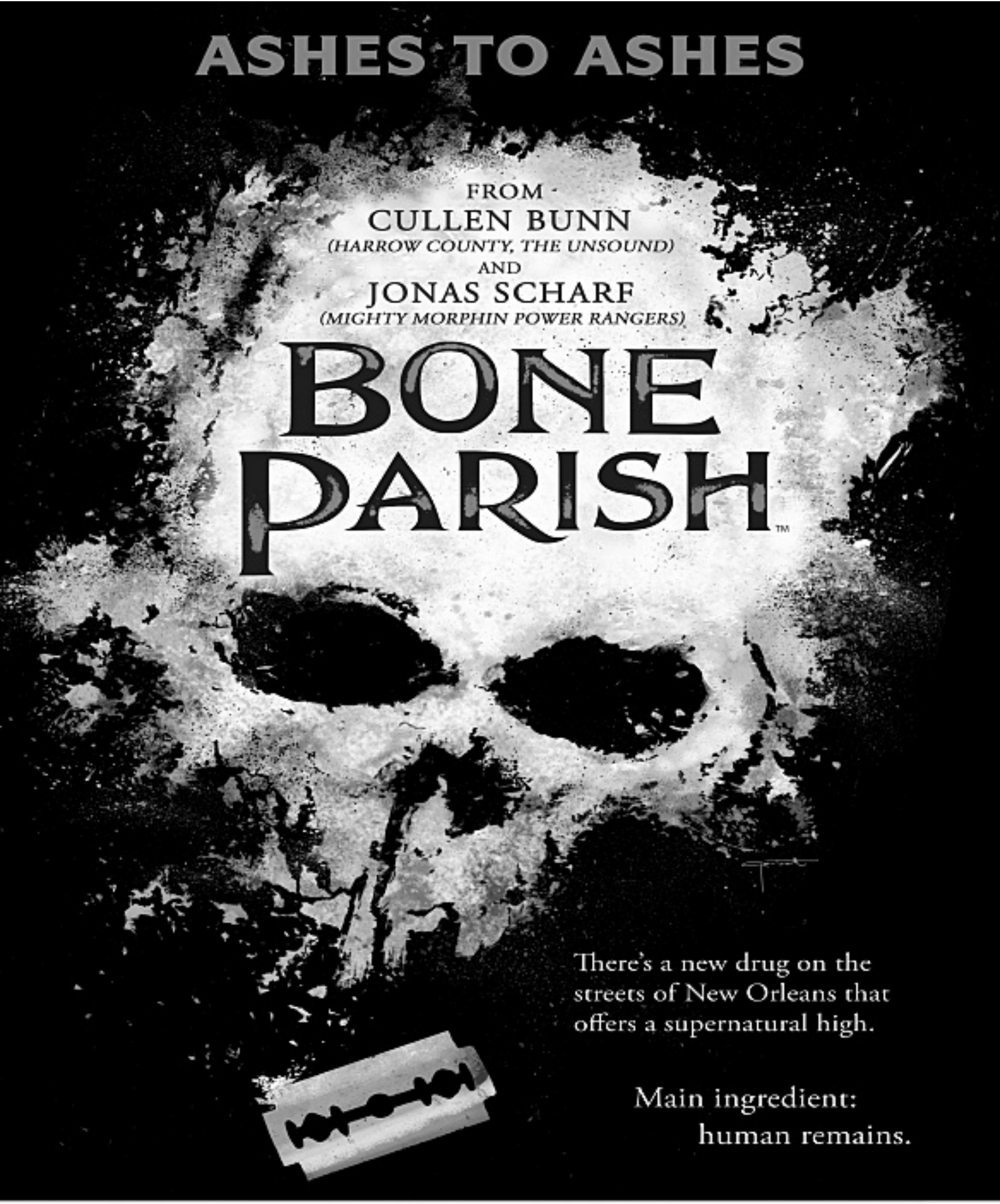

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